GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. - Diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF/Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Diversion for construction of Six-lane highway road from chittoor to Thatchur(NH-716B) from Km 0.000(Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to Km.126.550(Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor – Final (Stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SECIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.47 Dated:08.08.2023.

Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:18.06.2022.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1487/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.13.07.2022.
3)From the IGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada,Lr.F.No.4-APB182/2022-VIJ/493, dt.05.08.2022.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated.12.09.2022.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.1487/Sec.II/2022, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.19.09.2022.
6)From GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB184/2022-VIJ/579, Dt.26.09.2022.
7)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/135/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1 , Dated.28.03.2023.
8)State Govt.Lr.No.1368/Sec.II/2020, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 15.06.2022.
9)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB104/2020-VIJ/449, dated 27.06.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF/Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of Six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur(NH0716B) from Km 0.000(Bangalore –Chennai Expressway) to Km.126.550(Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor District and requested to forward the proposal to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for consideration of the proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, IRO, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest(C) Act, 1980 for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to consider the same to forward to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for according Stage-II approval under Forest(C) Act, 1980. Accordingly, State Government vide letter 8th read above, have forwarded the compliance report to the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for according final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal.

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5. In the letter 9th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest(Conservation)Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur(NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, subject to fulfillment certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. After careful Consideration of the proposal and in view of the final (stage-II) approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Vijayawada, the State Government hereby accord final (stage-II) approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.54 ha of forest land in Compartment No.297, Pulikundram RF /Pulikundram Beat, Puttur Range of Chittoor East (WL) Division for construction of six-lane highway road from Chittoor to Thatchur(NH-716B) from km 0.000 (Bangalore Chennai Expressway) to km.126.550 (Chennai Peripheral Road) in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu in favour of the Project Director, NHAI, PIU, Chittoor, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an internal of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency
iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 10.63 ha of degraded forest area in Compartment No 419 of Nagari RF, Puttur range, from the amount already been realized from the User Agency:
iv. Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government
v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency
vi. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost
vii. The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project
viii. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals
ix. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil
x. The dugout material/ overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area
xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
xii. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area
xiii. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna

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xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.54 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

xvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

xviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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To
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